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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairwoman and Ranking Member,

I am requesting \$5,000,000 in funding for the City of Jacksonville - Septic Tank Phase Out in fiscal year 2023 through the State and Tribal Assistance Grant account.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Jacksonville located at 117 W. Duval Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

The funding would be used to help offset the cost of phasing out failing septic tanks and connecting residential homes to the city sewer system throughout the city, particularly in economically challenged areas, such as those in close proximity to waterways. Many of these homes in older neighborhoods have septic tanks prone to failure. The project will be citywide and include the Biltmore neighborhood (32254), Durkeeville (32209), Springfield (32206), Ribault Scenic (32208) and others. Specifically, this funding would help to accelerate the phase-out process. Completion of this work would be a game-changer for the neighborhoods and for nearby businesses that will no longer have to rely on septic tanks and water from shallow rock wells. Currently, the leaking septic tanks spill out into the streets, and environment, and flow into the rivers and streams, particularly during storms.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Al Lawson
Member of Congress